

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 21st July 2024

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Every page of the Gospel shows that Jesus cared about people. He cares about us too. He makes us into one people, the people of God, the community of his disciples. Therefore, let us approach him in a spirit of trust and love.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

The Lord cares for us in our needs as a shepherd cares for his flock.

First Reading

Leaders who neglect their people are condemned. God will intervene on the people's behalf.

Second Reading

Christ ends hostilities and brings people together.

Gospel

Jesus encourages the Apostles to rest but he cares for the people.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 27th July 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 28th July 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 24th July No Mass
Friday 26th July 10:00 am Mass

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on www.rosberconparish.ie

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Wednesday morning from 10:30 am to 12 noon. All are welcome to attend.

Recent Deaths

Ann Doherty, Listerlin

Anniversaries

Patrick Walsh, Listerlin and Ferrybank.

The Purcell Family, Smithstown.

Sister Annette Walsh, Smithstown and the Medical Missionaries, Drogheda.

Thomas Mullally, Ballyeden and deceased members of the Mullally Family.

John and Mary Rochford and deceased members of the Byrne Family, Shanbogh

Cead Mile Failte: We welcome into our Parish Community **James Christopher Connors**, son of Luke and Ann, Raheen, who was baptised in Rosbercon Church on Thursday 11th July 2024.

We also welcome into our Parish Community **Katie Molly Falvey**, daughter of Nick and Vivienne, Shanbogh, who was baptised in Rosbercon Church on Saturday 13th July 2024.

A Message from Fr. Dan: The Kingdom of God: God sent Jesus, his beloved Son, into the world for the purpose of establishing the Kingdom of God on earth. Jesus did this through his teaching, his healing and the example of his life. After his resurrection Jesus left it to us, his followers, in every generation, to establish God's influence in every walk of life.

The Kingdom was very much on the mind of Jesus throughout his life. Altogether, in the New Testament, there are about one hundred and fifty references to the Kingdom. Jesus explained in the Parable of how he sows seeds of goodness all the time and assures us that the seeds will come to fruition in good soil. In other places, the Kingdom is referred to as a hidden treasure, a precious pearl, a father welcoming home a lost son, a healing miracle and even as the calming of a storm at sea. Once the Kingdom is in place, 'all will be well, and all manner of things will be well.'

How do we establish God's Kingdom today? It might be to struggle for greater human justice, or to try to provide daily bread for the poor, or to defend human rights. It could be to have a more loving family life or to care for the plight of refugees.

In the gospel stories Jesus tells us that the presence of God is all around us. God is especially present at Mass where he offers his people the body of Christ as spiritual food. God's presence is with us in our work, in our decisions, in our education, and in all our activities that contribute to human well-being.

We do our best to co-operate with God in bringing about the best world that can be achieved. God the Father inspires us. Jesus accompanies us and the Spirit of God guides us. In this work of God, we all travel together.

(From the Ennis Newsletter – Adapted)

'A Flower Mister': A wealthy young man was on his way to work when he heard an old lady selling flowers saying to him, 'A flower Mister!'. He brushed her aside but was afterwards troubled about this, as it appeared to him on reflection that he had lost his composure.

On subsequent days he began to notice the old lady even though she still disturbed his usual calm control. She, with her gentle smile in spite of her age and occupation confronted him with something that disturbed him. She was such a contradiction of all he stood for, his cold brusque manner, his youth and his successful career.

As time went by he noticed he was less irked by her and that he made it his business to pass her way each day. It was as if he needed to listen to something important, she was saying to him. Then one day he found himself planning a surprise for her and so on his way to work he met her smile with a rose he had gone to great trouble to buy as it was the first of the new season. It also marked the beginning of a new season in his own heart.

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**Mass Intentions for the Sunday
28th July 2024**

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 28th July at 9:30 am

Maura and Walter Ryan, Listerlin
John and Mary Grennan, Ballycurran

Rosbercon: Sunday 28th July at 11:00 am

Sonny, Thomas and Packie Long, Ballylog

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the Annual Summer Collection Envelopes. Outstanding envelopes may be handed in to the Parochial House or placed in the locked box at the back of the Church.

Blessing of Saint Fursey, Irish Monk, 597A.D.
The arms of God around my shoulders,
The touch of the Holy Spirit upon my head,
The sign of Christ's cross upon my forehead,
The sound of the Holy Spirit in my ears,
The fragrance of the Holy Spirit in my nostrils,
The vision of heaven's company in my eyes,
The conversation of heaven's company on my lips,
The work of God's Church in my hands,
The service of God and neighbour in my feet,
A home for God in my heart,
And to God, the Father of all, my entire being,
Amen.

Reflection

Scaffolding

Masons when they start upon a building
Are careful to test the scaffolding.
Make sure that planks won't slip at busy points.
Secure all ladders, tighten bolted joints.
And yet all this comes down when the job is done,
Showing off walls of sure and solid stone.
So if, my dear, there sometimes seem to be
old bridges breaking between you and me,
Never fear, we may let the scaffolds fall
Confident that we have built our wall.

Seamus Heaney

Just a Thought: This life is yours: 'Take the power to choose what you want to do and do it well. Take the power to love what you want in life and love it honestly. Take the power to walk in the forest and be part of nature. Take the power to control your own life, no one can do it for you. Take the power to make life happy'.

Wisdom

"One act of thanksgiving when things go wrong with us is worth a thousand thanks when things are agreeable to our inclinations."

Humour

No labourer in the world is expected to work for room, board and love – except the house wife.

Alice O'Neill from Tinneranny has published her memoir 'More Precious Than Gold' about the scholarship she won to study in USA after her Leaving Cert in Our Lady of Lourdes School Rosbercon. She will be signing copies of the book in the Dunbrody Centre New Ross on Saturday 27th July 11-5. All are welcome.

To make you Smile: 'If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans'.

THE ADULT LEARNING SERVICE

The Adult Learning Service, 43, Patrick St. Kilkenny, R95PNX2, is **holding an Open Day**, on Friday, 9th August 2024 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. We wish to welcome the community to come to see our facilities, to chat to us about our programmes. All are welcome. All the classes are FREE and include:

- ⇒ Certified QQI awards from levels 1-4 and uncertified courses
- ⇒ Small friendly group and one-to-one classes available.
- ⇒ Classes can be held in outreach centres in local communities
- ⇒ Some of the classes we offer are improving reading, writing and maths skills.
- ⇒ We also offer classes in Computer Skills, Smart Technology, Family Learning, Driver theory and English language classes.

Rosbercon Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Brid Vereker, Millbanks Close and Anne O' Sullivan, Ballykenna. If you have a Safeguarding concern, contact Brid or Anne. Please note Safeguarding Statements are displayed in the porches of the Churches of the Parish.

TULLOGHER ROSBERCON VINTAGE DAY

The Tullagher Rosbercon Vintage Day will be held on Sunday 28th July at Rosbercon Parish Hall and Sports Centre from 12:00 noon. A great family day out, All Welcome to attend. For more information please contact: P.J—087 7982118, Fergus—087 6746216 or Liz—087 6372733.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Rosbercon Community Employment Scheme has the following vacancies

1. 2 x Activities Assistant in New Houghton Hospital
2. 1 x Groundsman/Caretaker in Tullagher GAA
3. 1 x Environmental Workers in New Ross Parish

For further information please contact: 051-425093 or 086-3642592. Email: rosberconparish@gmail.com. Department of Social Protection, Community Employment Terms and Conditions Apply. See (<http://www.welfare.ie>)

Please book all **Baptisms, Anniversary Masses and other Church related ceremonies** with Anne in the Parish Office, situated in the Parochial House. The phone number is 051-421515. The office hours are Monday to Thursday 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. **The Community Employment Office will continue to be located at Raheen, Rosbercon.** Phone 051-425093: Office Hours Monday to Thursday, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm E Mail: Rosbercon Parish@gmail.com Website: www.rosberconparish.ie

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